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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to communications with the Patent Examiner regarding an anticipated Restriction Requirement, please enter the following, second preliminary amendment to the above-referenced application and consider the following remarks before further consideration on the merits thereof.

Applicant also submits herewith the following new claims numbered 39-70 to be entered into this patent application. Authorization to charge requisite fees is given on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-26.

Please amend claim 37 as follows (attached hereto Appendix with marked-up revisions) and add new claims (39-70) as follows: